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## **MEDIA ADVISORY G-8 Security Operations**

**COLUMBIA, SC. – The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED), the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (SCDPS), the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), in conjunction with local authorities in Beaufort, Jasper, Charleston, and Richland counties have been requested by the Office of Homeland Security in Georgia, and the United States Secret Service to assist them with the security operations for the G-8 summit being held at Sea Island, GA, June, 7-11. SLED's Counter-Terrorism Unit has been designated as the coordination point for South Carolina.**

**South Carolina authorities have been requested to provide traffic control points on Highway 17, boat control points near Daufuaski Island, and assist with intelligence/command and control during the G-8 summit. Advisories are as follows:**

**The Department of Public Safety advises motorists that some traffic will be rerouted during the week of June 7-11 as a result of the G-8 summit. The South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) and State Transport Police (STP), divisions of SCDPS, will establish traffic/observational control points along US17 South and other designated routes. Commercial motor vehicles or a combination of vehicles with a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or more will be detoured away from the Talmadge Memorial Bridge. Once in Georgia, commercial motor vehicles will be detoured off I-95 to Highway 17 to access downtown Savannah and the port area.**

**Commercial motor vehicles, or towed vehicles with a combined weight of more than 10,000 pounds, traveling south on U.S. 17 from the Hardeeville area will be rerouted on to SC 170 through the Savannah national Wildlife Refuge into Georgia. Similar vehicles traveling out of the Bluffton/Hilton Head area will be rerouted to SC 170 through the wildlife refuge.**

**SCHP and STP, in coordination with the Department of Transportation, will provide for the orderly and efficient control of traffic with minimal disruption to normal traffic flow for the motoring public and citizens of the Beaufort and Jasper counties.**

**SCDNR advises boaters that some boating traffic will be affected on the Inter-Coastal Waterway (ICW) during June 5 – 11, from a point south of Daufuskie Island to the Savannah River on the South Carolina side and into the Port of Savannah. Boaters in this area should allow for delays and expect to experience delays advancing through the ICW. Boating Traffic will be at IDLE SPEED “no wake”.**

**SLED will provide law enforcement assistance to local, state and federal agencies in an effort to ensure a smooth operation prior to and throughout the summit.**

**The nation remains under a yellow alert. SLED asks that any suspicious activity be reported to your local law enforcement agency or to the Joint Terrorism Task Force at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office in Columbia 803-551-4200 or to SLED Headquarters at 803-737-9000.**